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THE PINK WATERLILY OF THE FUTURE



The MRS. C. W. THOMAS

A NEW WATER LILY of
exquisite beauty and
fragrance is introduced
to the world of flower
lovers. An exclusive creation.

See inside for description



The Triumph of Floriculture

Unusual Beauty, Delicacy and Charm Characterize this Triumph of Floriculture

ANNOUNCEMENT

WE ANNOUNCE as the aristocrat of the Pink Waterlily Family our new and superb floral creation, the Mrs. C. W. Thomas, patent applied for, U. S. Patent Office, Series No. 482333, under date of September 16th, 1930.

It has ever been the aim of the owners of the Three Springs Fisheries to keep abreast of the times. It is only by new and novel discoveries and inventions that progress is made in any line or business. We, like all who are really interested in their line, are ever seeking for something more beautiful, more delicate, more lovely, more glorious, more fragrant, in a word for something better. All this, and more, we have in the Mrs. C. W. Thomas, which is the acme of waterlily perfection. So much do we think of it that we have named it for and dedicated it to the memory of our Mother. In addition, to protect our interest we have filed application for Patent, which is, we believe, the first and only application for a new lily filed under the new Plant Patent Laws.

Expert lily growers, botanists, etc., who have seen the Mrs. C. W. Thomas growing in our lily gardens the past summer have pronounced this new creation to be *the most Charming Pink Waterlily* as yet produced. Thousands of visitors to our gardens the past season, were fascinated by the unusual *Beauty, Delicacy* and *Charm* of this *Triumph of Floriculture*.

Dr. Ball, expert botanist, formerly Principal Agronomist in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, after viewing the flowers and plants in preparing a description of this lily for the application for Patent filed in the U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C., says, "*It exhibits certain characteristics of the Odorata and Tuberosa varieties. It is a large flowered, free-blooming, long season, day flowering waterlily with enduring, very fragrant, partly double flowers of a shell pink color, or pale vinaceous pink of the Ridgway Color Chart, with thirty-six petals when the usual Odorata has only twenty-eight petals.*" Thus the Mrs. C. W. Thomas is not only the greatest



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AN ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH COLORED BY ARTIST FROM FLOWERS

achievement of the largest producers of lilies and goldfish in the world, but it is unique in being pronounced by experts as the **Most Charming Pink Waterlily** ever produced.

Where there is a new variety of lily produced, *there is only one root like it in the whole world and from that one root all others must be produced* to supply the demands of the world for the new variety. Add to this, the fact that the Mrs. C. W. Thomas, can be procured through no other source and you can appreciate what demand there will be for this new lily of such extraordinary beauty and charm. We could easily sell our entire output in a wholesale way and at a



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price even higher than we are asking, but we prefer to offer our customers this new product. Anticipating the great demand and not wishing to put a prohibitive price upon the same, we have heretofore refrained from offering or selling a single root, and have devoted every effort for the past two years to intensive production, thereby increasing our stock, so that we might have sufficient to meet at least part of the early demand, and at a price which would not be prohibitive.

This announcement and our catalogue will be mailed first to our old customers, thus giving them at least two weeks preference. All orders will be booked in rotation and all orders entered subject to our being able to furnish. There will be no substitution and your order will be filled or money refunded. Order early, and have the newest lily in cultivation. Something entirely different, something experts have declared the Most Charming Pink Waterlily:—One that your friends have never seen, something they must admit is new, something you will be proud to show them.

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IN CONCLUSION: *We are proud of the Mrs. C. W. Thomas. We offer it with the utmost confidence. It possesses large size, six to seven inches across, a delicate shell pink, a free bloomer, very fragrant, rather double, truly an aristocrat. We have been modest and conservative with our description and refer you to what an expert like Dr. Ball says as above quoted. We have not attempted a glowing word picture as indulged in by some lily rhapsodists about lilies of even inferior merit which they offer at even higher prices.*

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